

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, NICE Community School District, Townships of Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Spurr; Counties of Baraga and Marquette; and the State of Michigan held on **Monday, September 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$847,973.86 for the period of August 20, 2018 through September 14, 2018; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$671,473.25 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,519,447.11; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,557,853.44 and total disbursements of \$1,493,873.60; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$114,127.48; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$271,101.26 of August 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported the latest on the Cyber Security training including partnerships with NMU, IBM, Merit Network, MEDC, MARESA and MAPS. He also talked about a Competency Based Education Initiative that is being explored with NMU, Gladstone, and Rapid River. He mentioned that he was attending the Superintendent's Conference in Traverse City later in the week and gave an update on the latest regarding Senate Bill 390.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported a good start to the school year. The Fall testing cycle for NWEA MAP was halfway done. He thanked UP Rehab Medicine Associates, Target and Faith Lutheran Church for recent donations.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported on being halfway done with the middle school NWEA MAP testing, the annual 7th grade trip to Clear Lake Education Center, and the enrichment period for the middle school students. For athletics, student-athlete numbers are great in grades 6-12 and the attendance at recent events has been fantastic.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that everything has started well with the high school. Some upcoming events are homecoming, the Marquette County Pops Concert, Newsies Musical, and the NMU course enrollment has 44 WHS students this semester. He also reported that the partnerships for the Cyber Security Project and the NMU Wildlife study project is a great opportunity for WHS students and that there are currently 9 students doing internships at Bell Hospital.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported an update on the collaboration with NMU volunteers and Dr. Darr for the applied behavior group that has been put together. He also mentioned the MI Access results show 67% of the students are at or above benchmark.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported the school year started off smoothly. He thanks the staff outside at dismissal since he is driving and also thanked the Negaunee, Ishpeming, Republic-Michigamme and Gwinn schools for sharing bus trips to athletic events. He also recently held a bus stop procedure and bus discipline training for Young Fives and Kindergarten students.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Reviewed 2018 standardized test scores included in tonight’s materials.

Finance and Ops – Anderson Tackman is concluding our audit (they were in all last week). They will present our audit to us in October or November. Please stay tuned. Our student count has fluctuated as low as 1,206 and as high as 1,218 in these opening weeks. Kids have come and gone as families settle in and living situations for the school year are finalized. We’ll know more on count day in October (after the October 3rd count day). I believe we’ll come in around my projection of 1,210 students, but October 3rd will solidify our number.

Personnel – No activity this month. It was discussed that the Superintendent Evaluation be completed for the November board meeting.

Policy – NEOLA Policy Update Volume 32 No. 2 and Tech Phase IV proposed second reading and adoption this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – 2018 Summer Projects currently wrapping up.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Nita Argall as an elementary teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire April Korpi as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Jaclyn O’Brien as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
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Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to accept Ashley Vial's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to officially revise the 2018-2019 School Calendar to include March 1st and move the last scheduled day of school to Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson aye Donna Champion aye Randy Couveau aye
Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize a resolution to adopt a levy of 18 mills for general operations for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson aye Donna Champion aye Randy Couveau aye
Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove to authorize a resolution to adopt a levy of 1 mill for debt retirement for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson aye Donna Champion aye Randy Couveau aye
Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize a resolution to adopt a levy of 1.7415 mills for the Sinking Fund for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson aye Donna Champion aye Randy Couveau aye
Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy update Volume 32 Number 2 and Tech Phase IV.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson aye Donna Champion aye Randy Couveau aye
Brett French aye John Grove aye Ron Mariani aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Ron Mariani to adopt NEOLA Policy update Volume 32 Number 2 and Tech Phase IV.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove to approve efforts to initiate discussions with area superintendents to address issues involved with the services being offered by MARESA. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Comments: None.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Bryan DeAugustine mentioned that a lot of information was covered at this meeting and wanted to remind everyone that while he is gone to Traverse City, Dave Boase will be the senior administrator in charge.

Ron Mariani thanked everyone—all employees and volunteers—for the good start of the school year.

Donna Champion is pleased with the scope of the Sinking Fund projects and feels they are worthwhile projects and good planning by all involved.

Kathleen Carlson thanked everyone for the great start to the school year. She also shared that she was pleased with the positive atmosphere at the football game versus Ishpeming and that it was a great game and effort by all.

John Grove agreed with all the other comments made so far.

Randy Couveau is pleased with the partnerships with IBM and NMU. He also asked if the district would consider a STEM fair at the middle school level. He suggested one every three years.

Brett French thanked Ron for stepping in and running the show in his absence last month while he was on vacation. He also thanked everyone for a great start to the new year and believes we have a top shelf district in the UP.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board President: _____ **Board Secretary:** _____